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WELDING MACHINE AND WELDING METHOD

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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

Responsive to the Official Action dated January 11, 2005, kindly enter the following amendment and remarks.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE TITLE:

Please amend the title as follows:

WELDING MACHINE AND WELDING METHOD FOR ENERGY WELDING OF CYLINDER MEMBERS